

Woodbury County Detention-Reform

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

July 1st, 2008

8:30am – 12pm

Siouxland Human Investment Partnership, Room F

Meeting Overview

- Welcome & Introductions
- Woodbury's Immersion in JDAI –
The State of the Collaborative
- Status of Detention & Alternatives in Sioux City
- Resources/Technical Assistance from Casey
- Resources/Technical Assistance from CJJP
- Break
- Planning
- Next Steps and Return Visit

Overview of Key Membership of JDAI Committee and Relevant Activities.

Key membership of the Woodbury County JDAI Committee began with the original 9 required applicant signatures as requested in the RFA.

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| 1. | Authorized Official: | <i>Douglas Walish</i> |
| 2. | Elected County Attorney: | <i>Patrick Jennings</i> |
| 3. | Elected County Sheriff: | <i>Glenn Parrett</i> |
| 4. | Chief Judge for Judicial District: | <i>Duane Hoffmeyer</i> |
| 5. | Chief of Police: | <i>Joseph Frisbie</i> |
| 6. | Juvenile Detention Director: | <i>Mark Olsen</i> |
| 7. | Rep. Public Defender's Office: | <i>Gregg Jones</i> |
| 8. | Chief Juvenile Court Officer: | <i>Gary Niles</i> |
| 9. | School Superintendent: | <i>Larry Williams</i> |

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Key membership of the Woodbury County JDAI Committee has since evolved into a 21-person working group of Key-Stakeholders and their staff, community members and advocates.

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| 1. Authorized Official
<i>Douglas Walish</i> | 10. Juvenile Judge
<i>Brian Michaelson</i> | 19. Captain, SC Police Department
<i>Melvin Williams</i> |
| 2. Elected County Attorney
<i>Patrick Jennings</i> | 11. Assistant County Attorney
<i>David Dawson</i> | 20. Juvenile Court Officer
<i>Stephan Pearson</i> |
| 3. Elected County Sheriff
<i>Glenn Parrett</i> | 12. JDAI Coordinator
<i>David Gleiser</i> | 21. District Judge
<i>Todd Hensley</i> |
| 4. Chief Judge for Judicial District
<i>Duane Hoffmeyer</i> | 13. County Board of Supervisor
<i>George Boykin</i> | |
| 5. Chief of Police
<i>Joseph Frisbie</i> | 14. Woodbury County DECAT
<i>Jim France</i> | |
| 6. Juvenile Detention Director
<i>Mark Olsen</i> | 15. Juvenile Public Defender
<i>Joe Kertels</i> | |
| 7. Rep. Public Defender's Office
<i>Gregg Jones</i> | 16. Juvenile Public Defender
<i>Marchelle Denker</i> | |
| 8. Chief Juvenile Court Officer
<i>Gary Niles</i> | 17. Dir. of Equity, SC Community Schools
<i>Marilyn Charging</i> | |
| 9. School Superintendent
<i>Larry Williams</i> | 18. Juvenile Judge
<i>Mary Sokolovske</i> | |

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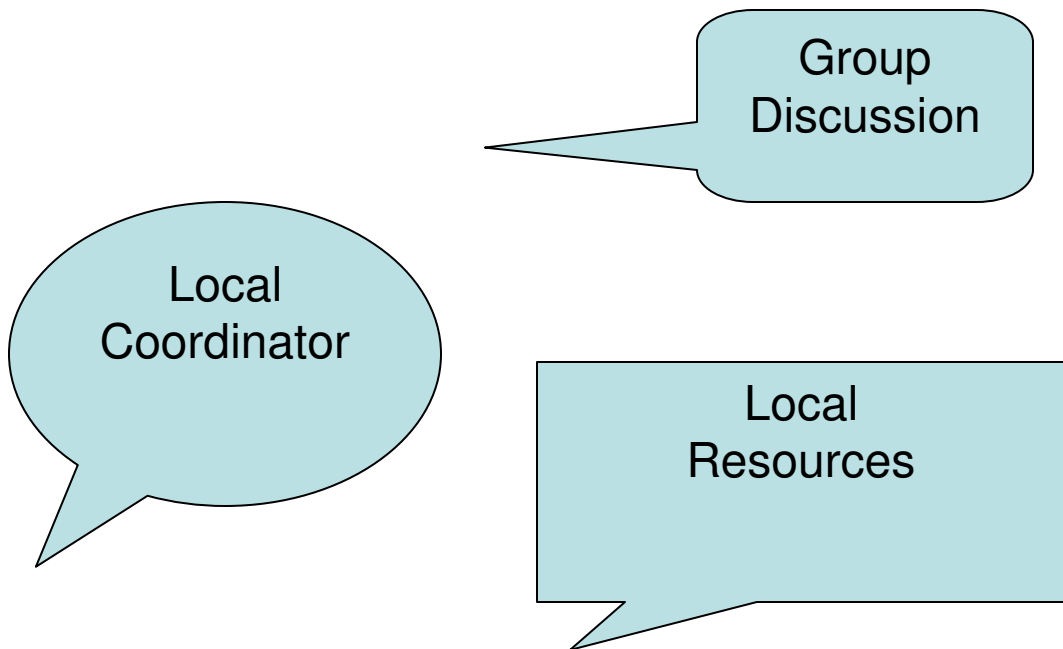
Relevant activities of the Woodbury County JDAI Committee include:

- **Research & Application Process**
- **Initial Visit w/AECF**
- **Local JDAI / “WCDR” Meetings**
- **Information Distribution/Immersion**
- **Appointment of Committee Chair**
- **Identified Conditions of Confinement Sub-Committee**
- **Networking w/Polk & Blackhawk Counties**
- **Formation of Delegates for 2008 AECF’s National JDAI Conference**
- **Preparation for Current AECF Visit**

Discussion of Activity of Local Coordinator and Local Resources

“Having a good discussion is like having riches”

-*Kenyan Proverb*



The Status of Detention and Alternatives in Sioux City

Woodbury County Detention Center:

- **The Woodbury County Detention Center is a 20-bed facility used for the secure detainment of a youth from initial contact with law enforcement to the final disposition of the youth's case.**
- **It is operated by Woodbury County and is primarily financed by the county.**
- **Its functioning and licensing guidelines are set forth in Iowa law and the Administrative Code of Iowa.**
- **The facility is inspected annually by the DIA and licensed for operation by DHS.**
- **It primarily serves youth within its geographic proximity, and works closely with the JCS office in the third judicial district.**
- **Other than Iowa law and the Administrative Code of Iowa, the WCDC has no mission or vision statement-like guiding principles.**

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Woodbury County Detention Center:

- **WCDC staff are adequately educated and trained to work with youth and they promote a climate and culture that focuses on the safety and individual needs of each youth.**
- **Overcrowding, assault, suicide, and litigation are not issues experienced by the Woodbury County Detention Center, as the WCDC maintains a 1-to-5 staff/detainee ratio at all times.**
- **JCS handles the Intake process and the WCDC works with the Diversion programing.**

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Woodbury County Detention Center:

- **Although the facility received no deficiencies during their last inspection in January, it is becoming apparent that the over-representation of minorities confined in detention and the use of detention for probation violators are growing at an alarming rate.**
- **The interplay between the issues of DMC, proposed conditions work, and the rise in the use of detention for probation violators, are all motivating factors for the WCDC to work for reform.**

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The Percentage of Minority Youth in Woodbury County

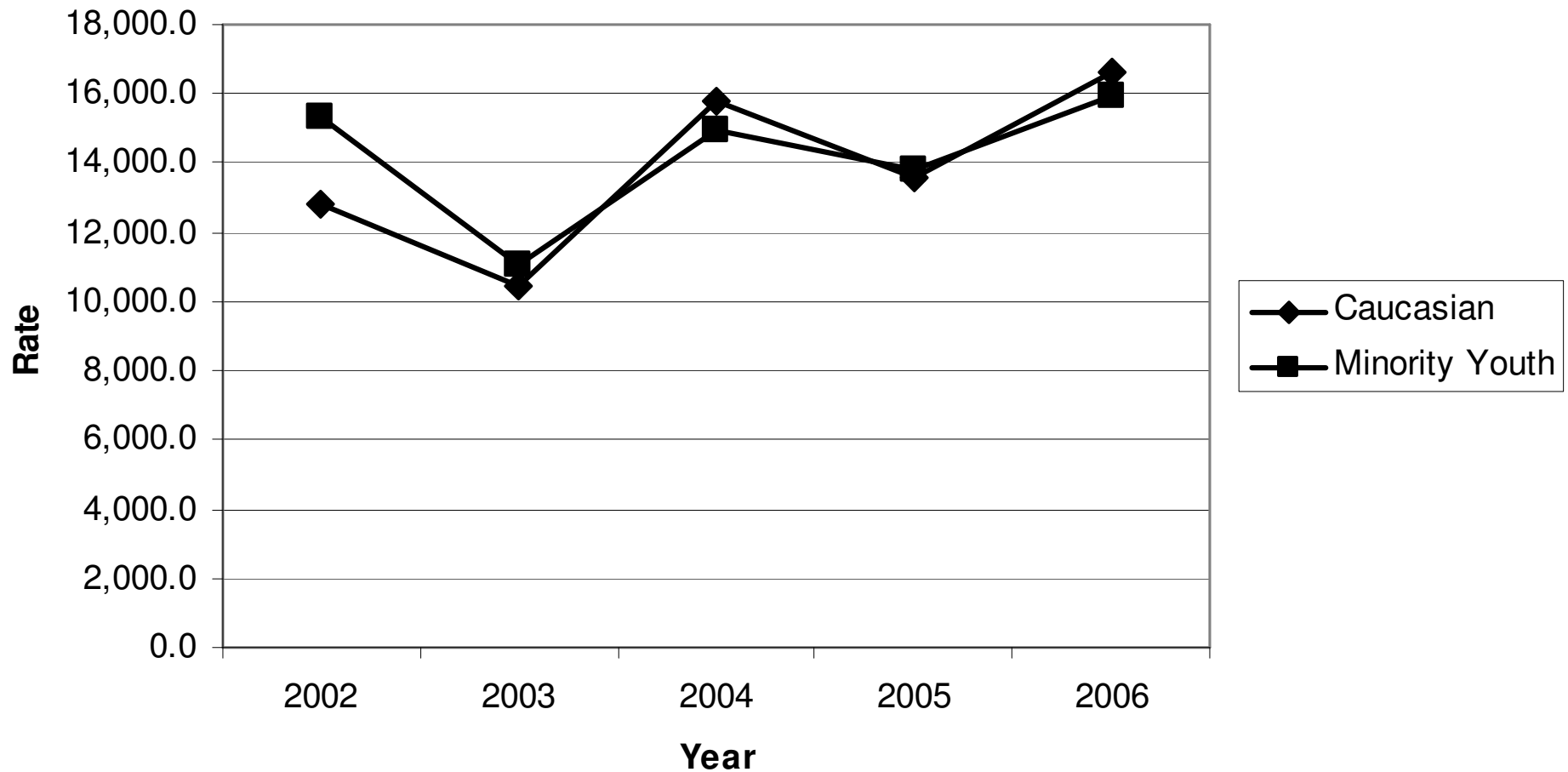
2006 Youth (ages 10 to 17) Population				
Racial Categories	Woodbury Co. II	Woodbury Co. %	Iowa II	Iowa %
White/Non-Hispanic	9,599	75.0%	291,927	88.8%
White/Hispanic	1,783	13.9%	16,147	4.9%
Black/Non-Hispanic	584	4.6%	12,985	3.9%
Black/Hispanic	51	0.4%	739	0.2%
American Indian/Non-Hispanic	311	2.4%	1,407	0.4%
American Indian/Hispanic	113	0.9%	400	0.1%
Asian/Non-Hispanic	342	2.7%	5,055	1.5%
Asian/Hispanic	15	0.1%	164	0.0%
Totals	12,798	100.0%	328,824	100.0%
Minority Youth Percentage		25.0%		11.2%

For 2006, the U.S. Census Bureau reports the racial category statistics shown above for youth ages 10-17 in Woodbury County and in Iowa. As demonstrated, Woodbury County's minority youth population is 25.0%, which is more than double Iowa's 11.2%.

Although Woodbury is Iowa's sixth most populous county, it has the second highest minority youth population of all 99 Iowa counties.

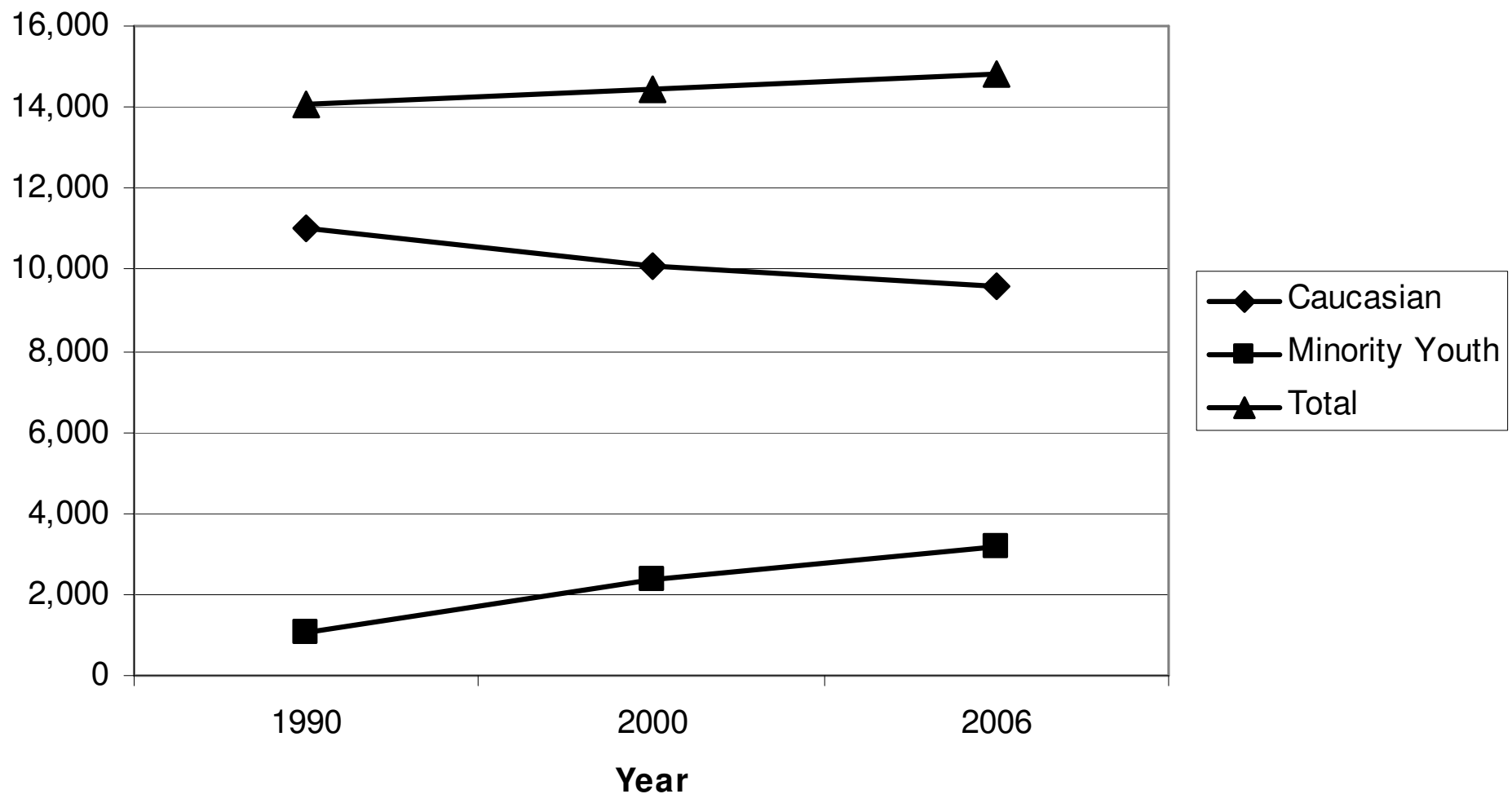
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Woodbury County Arrest Rates per 100,000 Youth
(10 - 17 years of age)



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Woodbury County Juvenile Population (10 - 17 years of age)



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Who is coming into Woodbury County's Juvenile Justice System?

2003-06 Youth (ages 10-17) Referred to Juvenile Court in Woodbury County										
Year	Total Youth	White	Black or African-American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Other/Mixed	All Minorities N	All Minorities %	Relative Rate Index
2003	1,735	1,130	185	222	27	160	11	605	34.9%	2.17
2004	2,159	1,379	222	252	37	202	67	780	36.1%	1.84
2005	1,868	1,067	205	345	20	184	47	801	42.9%	2.27
2006	2,108	1,222	229	344	44	224	45	886	42.0%	2.22

For 2003 to 2006, at least one-third of the youth referred to the Juvenile Court in Woodbury County belonged to minority racial categories (National Resource Center for Family Centered Practice (NRCFCP)).

Please note that, for this table and for all the Section B tables, Woodbury County has no "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders" entries.

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What happens to youth who enter the system?

Referred to Juvenile Court			Probation			Confined in Secure Facility			Transferred to Adult Court		
White %	All Minorities %	Relative Rate Index	White %	All Minorities %	Relative Rate Index	White %	All Minorities %	Relative Rate Index	White %	All Minorities %	Relative Rate Index
65.1%	34.9%	1.86	4.4%	5.5%	1.24	0.4%	0.3%	0.94	1.7%	2.0%	1.06
63.9%	36.1%	1.84	2.6%	3.1%	1.26	0.1%	0.1%	0.94	4.9%	3.7%	0.95
57.1%	42.9%	2.27	5.2%	6.2%	1.13	0.2%	0.1%	0.63	1.8%	1.2%	0.87
58.0%	42.0%	2.22	--	--	--	0.7%	1.4%	0.97	1.5%	1.8%	0.82

Of the youth who enter the system in Woodbury County, about one in 20 receive probation placement, less than one in 200 are confined in a secure juvenile correction facility, and between two and three of each 100 are transferred to adult court (NRCFCP).

The remainder of the youth released from detention return to their families, guardians, or shelter, and they may receive diversion activities.

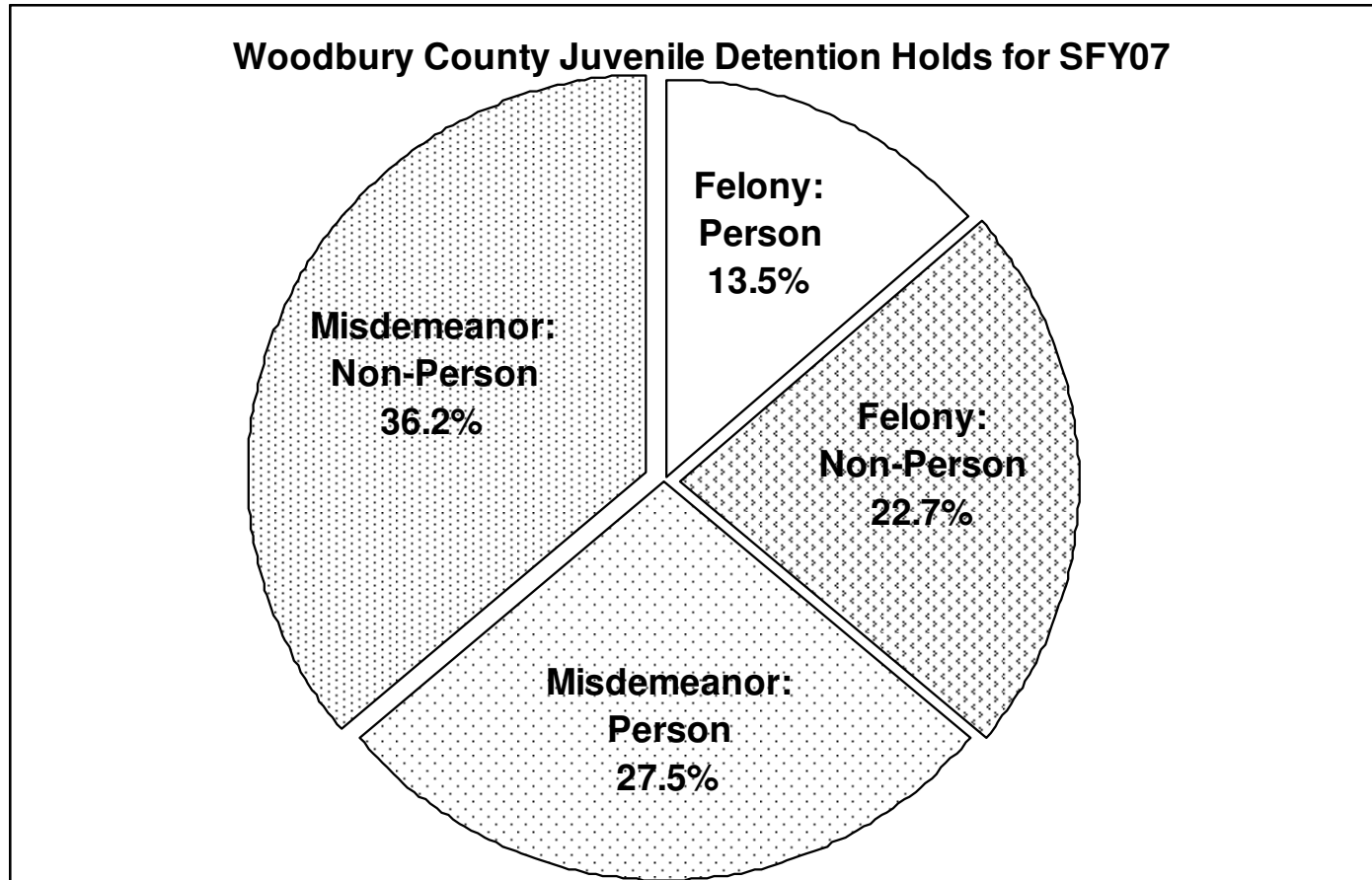
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Who is in detention?

2003-06 Youth Cases Involving Secure Detention in Woodbury County										
Year	Total Youth	White	Black or African-American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Other/Mixed	All Minorities N	All Minorities %	Relative Rate Index
2003	212	98	23	58	3	30	0	114	53.8%	2.17
2004	402	204	66	67	6	59	0	198	49.3%	1.97
2005	420	187	78	90	7	58	0	233	55.5%	1.66
2006	322	126	49	85	4	58	0	196	60.9%	2.15

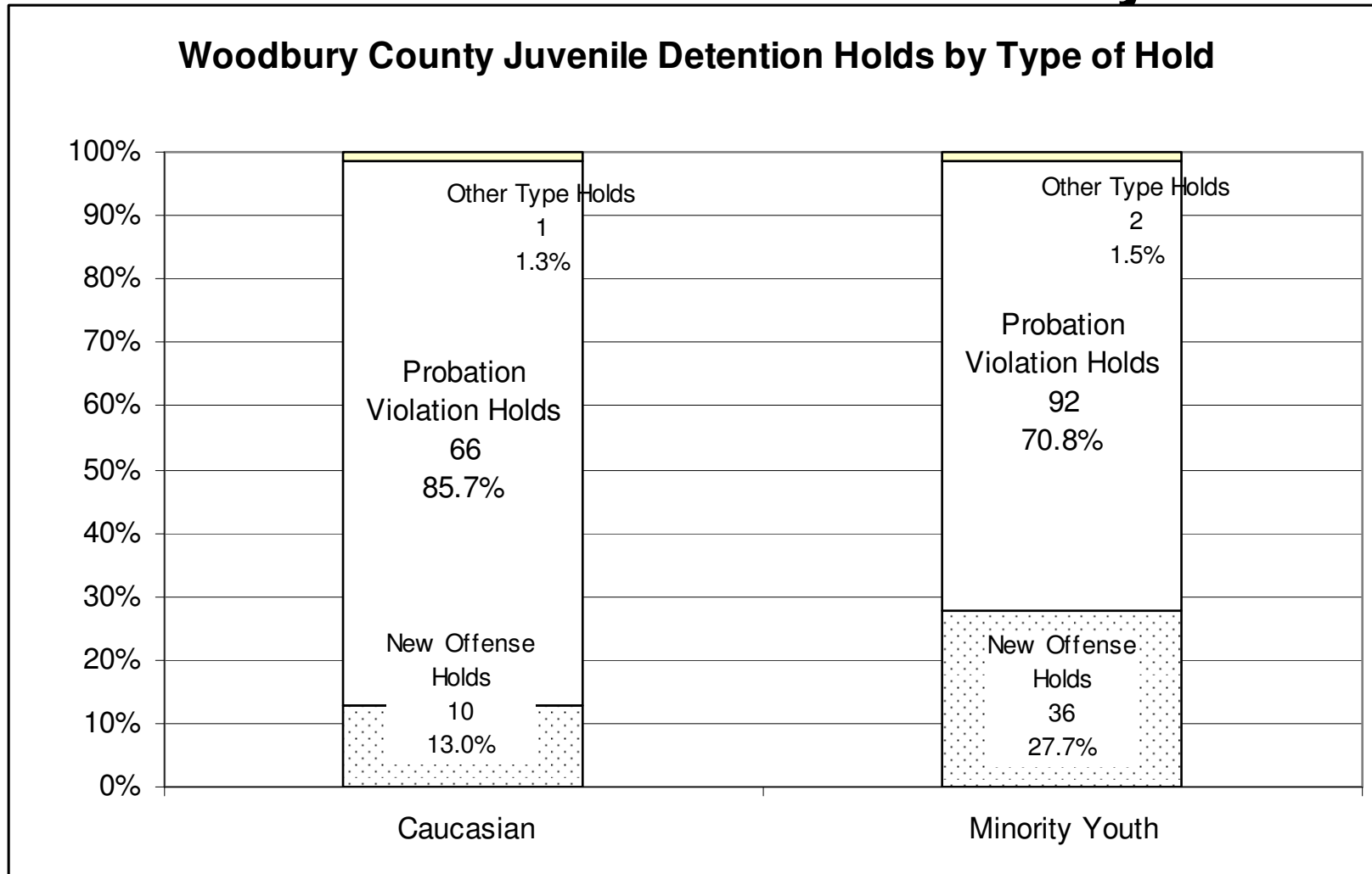
In the years 2003-06, between half and six of ten of the youth in detention in Woodbury County were of minority racial categories (NRCFCP).

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Person crimes include murder, manslaughter, assault, robbery, stalking, terrorism, harassment, sexual abuse and assault to commit sexual abuse (CJJP).

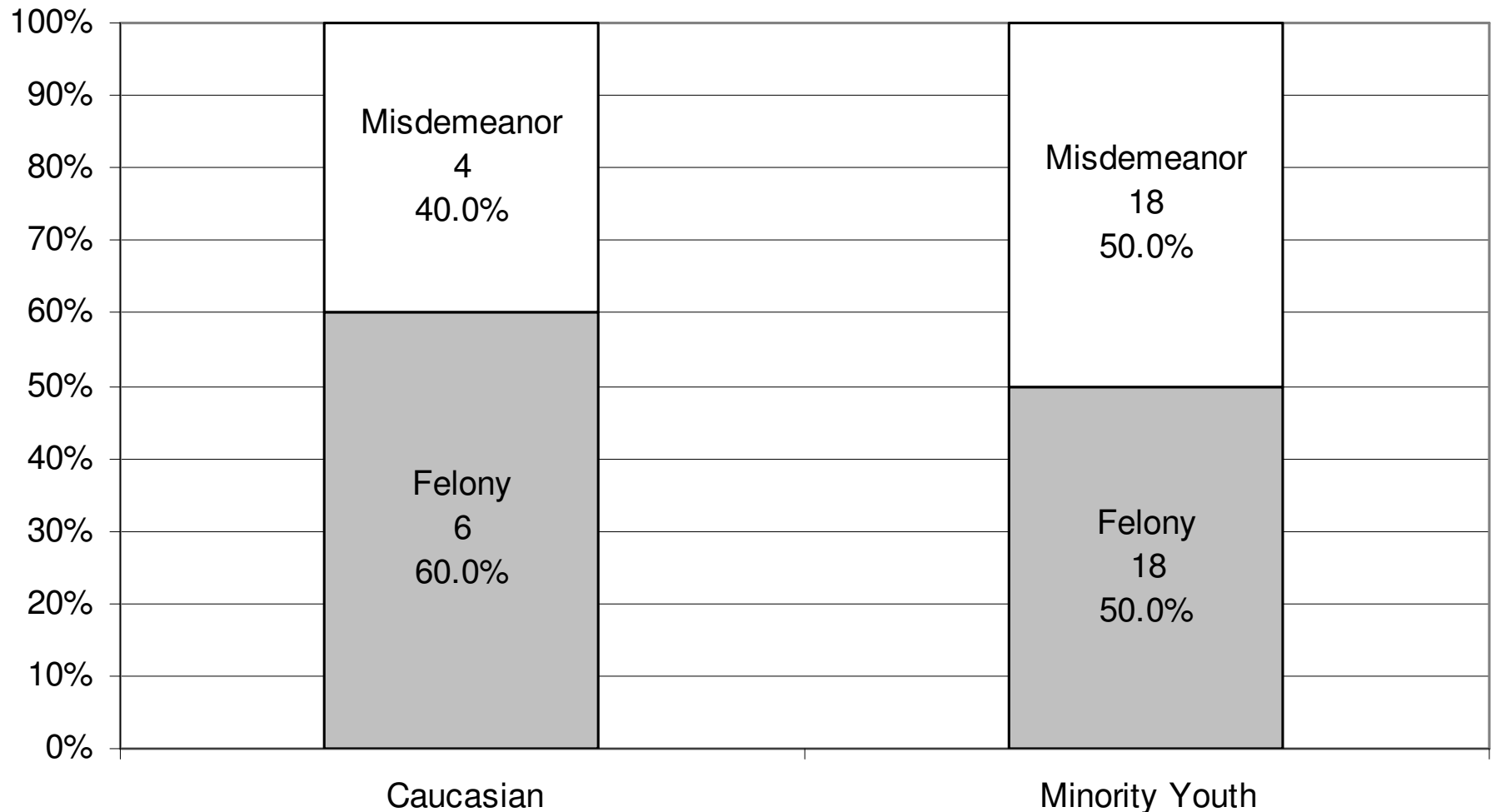
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Other Type of Holds include youth that were admitted due to running from a court ordered placement, loss of placement (other than a runaway), and failure to appear for a court hearing (CJJP).

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Woodbury County Juvenile Detention Holds for New Offense



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To what extent is detention used for youth that have violated conditions of their probation?

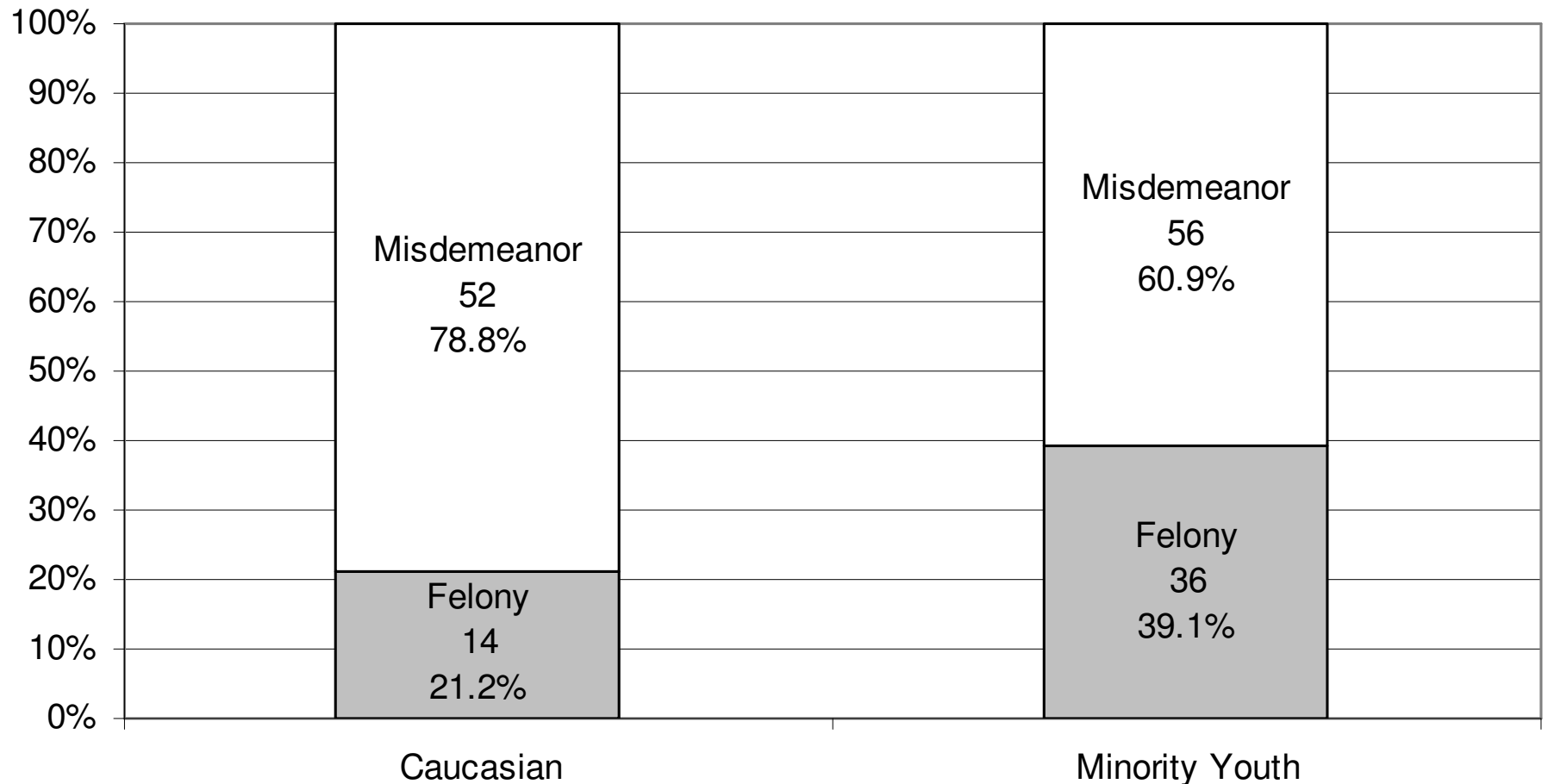
2003-06 Youth Held at Woodbury County Detention Center for Probation Violation									
Year	Total Youth	White	Black or African-American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Other/ Mixed	All Minorities N	All Minorities %
2003	214	105	30	43	3	33	0	109	50.9%
2004	262	134	35	49	1	43	0	128	48.9%
2005	272	122	51	54	6	39	0	150	55.1%
2006	348	140	57	86	6	59	0	208	59.8%

“A brief visit on any given day to many of the detention facilities will give you the impression that about one-half of confined youth are minority” (Richardson 2005:4).

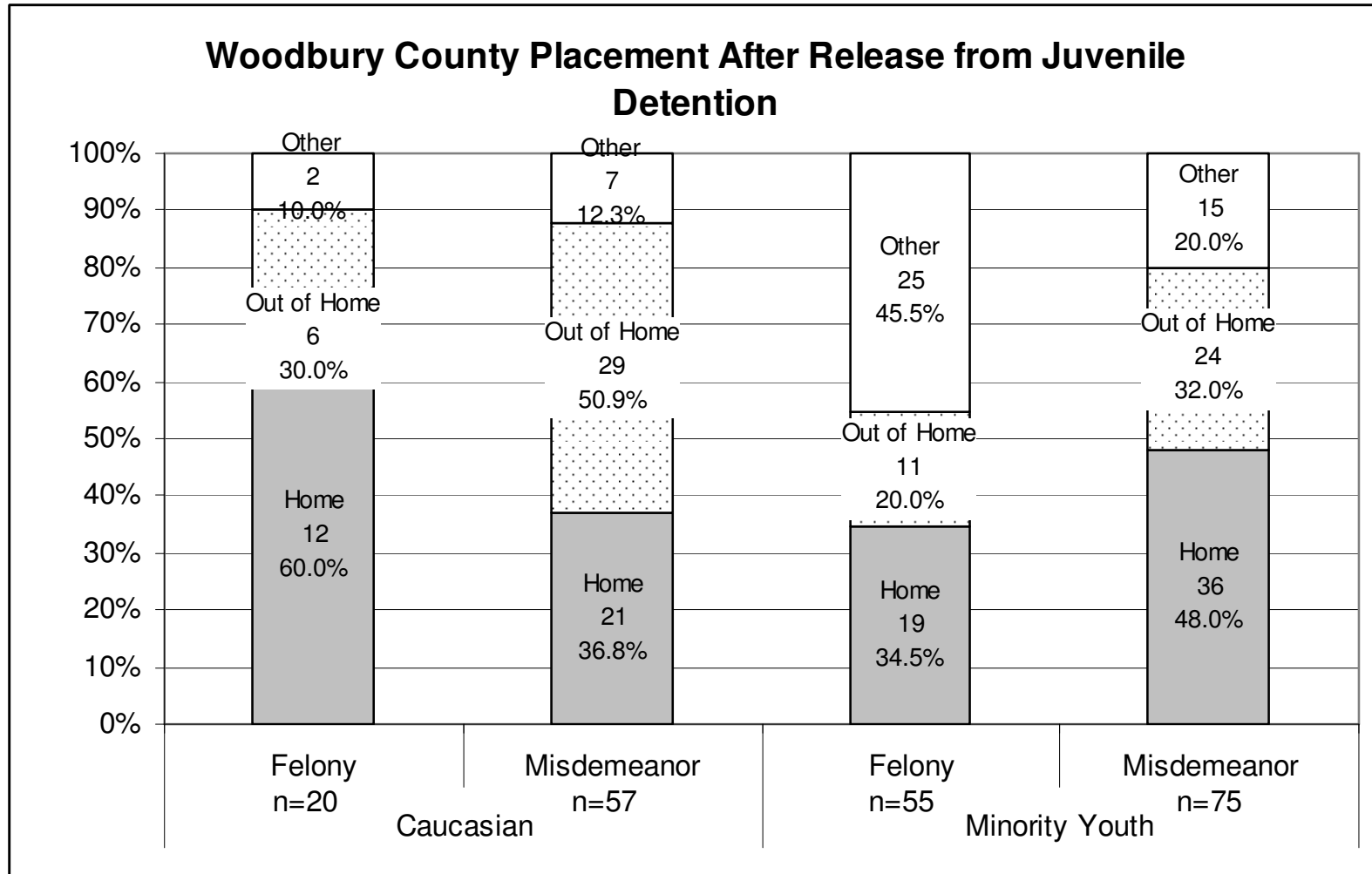
This impression is accurate, at least for youth in Woodbury County detention for probation violation 2003-06.

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Woodbury County Juvenile Detention Holds for Probation Violation



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Other includes: Other, Unknown, Out of State, Shelter Care, Other Detention Center and Adult Jail.

Out of Home includes: Group Foster Care, Family Foster Care, Independent Living, Residential Substance Abuse, State Training School, Iowa Juvenile Home, Mental Health Facility and Boot Camp.

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Detention Alternatives in Woodbury County:

- 1. Drug Court**
- 2. Hands Off**
- 3. Crittenden Center Shelter**
- 4. Jackson recovery Substance Abuse Treatment Centers**
- 5. Psychiatric Medical Institute for Children (PMIC)**
- 6. SkyRanch for Boys**
- 7. In-Home Monitoring**
- 8. Relative Replacement**
- 9. Foster Care**
- 10. Alternative School Programs**
- 11. After School Programs**
- 12. Community Service**
- 13. Maintenance Within the School System
(no juvenile court involvement/minimal)**

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Who is accessing local detention alternatives?

2003-06 Youth (age 10 through 17) Cases Diverted in Woodbury County										
Year	Total Youth	White	Black or African-American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Other/ Mixed	All Minorities N	All Minorities %	Relative Rate Index
2003	619	467	42	69	11	28	2	152	35.2%	0.61
2004	700	526	46	65	15	31	17	174	24.9%	0.58
2005	601	381	45	123	12	24	16	220	36.6%	0.77
2006	518	358	36	76	15	21	12	160	30.9%	0.62

Two-thirds to three-fourths of the youth accessing local detention alternatives in Woodbury County during 2003-06 were white youth.

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The data just presented should be considered and evaluated in the process of assessing community need related to policy change, and this information should serve as a baseline for this project.

Discussion on the Status of Detention & Alternatives in Sioux City

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Local
Detention

Group
Discussion

Local Alternatives

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Identification of Data Gaps/Needs:

- **Common Language/Definitions**
- **Assessment**
- **Data**
- **Objective screening/risk assessment tools**
- **Alternatives**
- **Delays**
- **Leadership**
- **Goals**
- **Collaboration**
- **Practice**
- **Acceptance**
- **Sustainability**

Resources/Technical Assistance Available from Casey

- Literature
- Intro-state Meetings
- Quarterly Meetings
- National Conference
- Websites –

JDAI:

<http://www.aecf.org/Home/MajorInitiatives/JuvenileDetentionAlternativesInitiative>

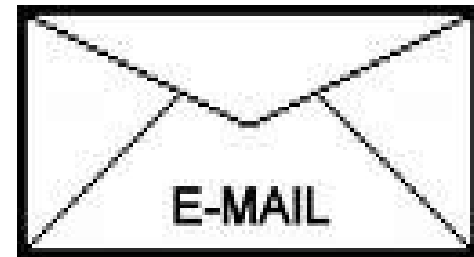
JDAI Help Desk: <http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org>

Resources/Technical Assistance from CJJP

- Governor's Youth Race and Detention Task Force
- Data
- Potential Cross Site Meetings
- CJJP - Website: <http://www.state.ia.us/dhr/cjip/>
- Specified Assistance
- DMC Resource Center: www.uiowa.edu/~nrcfcp/dmcrc/

Break

We will now take a 10-minute break...



Planning – The First Year

- Process for Development of Vision for Detention Purpose and Local Detention Continuum
- Probation Violations
- Identification of Potential Subcommittee Structures Needed to Move Forward
 - Data
 - Detention Alternatives
 - Conditions of Confinement
 - Case Processing
- Identification of Key Benchmarks/Products



Next Steps and Return Visit by Casey